Mop-up vaccination rounds are also conducted in the districts and adjoining areas where new cases are detected.

Upgradation of Medical College in Assam

29. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to upgrade any medical College in Assam at par with AIIMS;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government will take such proposal in the interest of people of North-East?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) There is no proposal to upgrade any medical college in Assam at for with AIIMS. However, proposals have been received under the Scheme "Support for Development of Additional facilities at specialization and super-specialisation at 3 medical colleges in Assam" at a total cost of Rs. 2714.48 lakhs. These will be considered if funds are available after addressing the various health programmes.

Infrastructural deficiencies in hospitals

30. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review has been undertaken, in co-ordination with the States, to assess the infrastructural deficiencies in hospitals in various States in the wake of death of 14 children in two days in September, 2002 in the State-run B.C. Memorial Hospital in Kolkata;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to help the States in upgrading their infrastructure and other facilities in the hospitals and also for effecting structural changes like inclusion of private and community representatives in the State Medical Councils etc., towards greater participation and awareness on the needs of health system?